

2009 Quadratic Topic Test

Solutions

1. $(5x + 3)(x + 2) < 0$; $x \in (-2, -\frac{3}{5})$; $-22/5 \neq x$ **D**

2. $4x^2 + 4y^2 = 16$
 $\frac{-4x^2 - 9y^2 = -36}{y^2 = 4} \rightarrow y = \pm 2$; $x = 0$; $(0, 2)$ and $(0, -2)$; $ab + cd = 0$. **B**

3. $x^2 + \sqrt{3}x = -\frac{x}{4}$; $4x^2 + 4\sqrt{3}x + x = 0$; $x(4x + 4\sqrt{3} + 1) = 0$; $x = 0$, $x = \frac{-1-4\sqrt{3}}{4}$. **E**

4. $y^2 + ay + 6 = (y - b)(y + 3) + 1$; $y^2 + (3 - b)y - 3b + 1$; $a = 3 - b$, $6 = 1 - 3b \rightarrow b = -5/3$; $a = 14/3$;
 $2a + b = 28/3 - 5/3 = 23/3$. **E**

5. $\frac{5}{2x} + \frac{2}{x-1} = \frac{3x+2}{2x^2-2x}$; $\frac{5x-5+4x}{2x(x-1)} = \frac{3x+2}{2x(x-1)}$; $9x - 5 = 3x + 2$; $x = 7/6$. **B**

6. $s = \text{side}$, $s^2 - (s - 2)^2 = 24$; $s^2 - s^2 + 4s = 28 \rightarrow s = 7$; $P = 28$. **C**

7. $3(1)^2 - 4a(1) - 4(1) - 3 = 4$; $-4a = 8$; $x = -2$. **A**

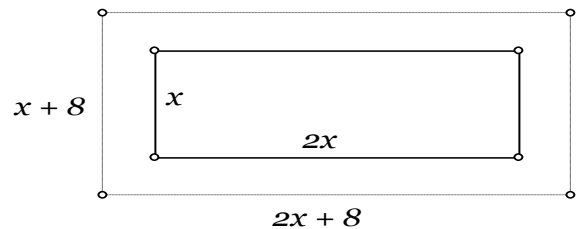
8. $x \nabla y = 2(3 \nabla 1) - (3 \nabla 1)^2$; $2(3 - 1) - [3 - 1]^2 = 0$. **C**

9. $3^{x^2-10} = 9^{2y}$; $x^2 - 10 = 4y$, $2^{x+y} = \sqrt{2}$; $x + y = 1/2$; $y = 1/2 - x \rightarrow x^2 - 10 = 2 - 4x$; $x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$
 $(x - 2)(x + 6) = 0$; $x = 2, -6$. **B**

10. $x^2 + x - 2 < 0$. $(x + 2)(x - 1) < 0$; $x \in (-2, 1)$ so -2 not a solution. **A,D**

11. $x = \text{width}$
 $2x = \text{length}$

$(x + 8)(2x + 8) = 2880$
 $x = 32$, $2x = 64$
 Length of pool = 64 **C**



12. $x^2 - y^2 = 9$
 $\frac{-x^2 + 4y = -9}{y^2 - 4y = 0}$; $y = 0, 4 \rightarrow (-5, 4), (5, 4), (-3, 0), (3, 0)$; 8. **D**

13. $3x^2 - 5x - 2 = (3x + 1)(x - 2) \rightarrow x = \frac{-\frac{1}{3} + 2}{2} = 5/6$. **C**

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14. $c = \sqrt{16 + 20} = 6$. The length of the median to the hypotenuse of a right triangle is $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the hypotenuse so $x = 3$. **A**

15. $x^2 + 3x - \sqrt{x^2 + 3x} - 6 = 0$. Let $a = \sqrt{x^2 + 3x}$, then $a^2 - a - 6 = 0$ and $a = 3, -2$.
 $\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} = 3; x^2 + 3x - 9 = 0$ but $\sqrt{x^2 + 3x} \neq -2, x_1 + x_2 = -3$. **D**

16. $2n - 3 = -1, 1, 3, \dots, 100$, $\text{Sum}_1 = -1, \text{Sum}_2 = 0, \text{Sum}_3 = 3, \text{Sum}_4 = 8, \dots$
 $-1, 0, 3, 8, 15, \dots \text{Sum}_n = n^2 - 2n$. $100^2 - 200 = 9800$. **B**

17. $|x - 5| = 0, x = 5$, then $(y + 3)^2 = 0$ and $y = -3; 5^2 - 3(-3) = 34$. **D**

18. $\frac{(x+y)(x-y)}{(x-y)(x-y)} \cdot \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{(x-y)(x-y)} \cdot \frac{(x-y)^4}{(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)} = \frac{(x-y)}{1} \rightarrow x - y$. **B**

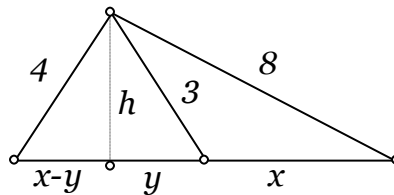
19. $2x(kx - 4) - x^2 + 6 = 0 \rightarrow (2k - 1)x^2 - 8x + 6 = 0; b^2 - 4ac = 0; 64 - 4(6)(2k - 1) < 0;$
 $k > 11/6; 2$. **C**

20. $x^4 - 37x^2 = -36$, since $x^4 - 37x^2 + 36 = 0$ indicates the product of the roots is positive. **D**

21. $f(1/2)$ is the value of $g(x)$. $1/2 = 1 - x^2; x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}; f\left(\pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{1/2}{1/2} = 1$. **B**

22. $a + b = 10, ab = 20; 1/a + 1/b = (a + b)/ab = 10/20 = 1/2$. **B**

23. $16 - (x - y)^2 = 64 - (x + y)^2; 4xy = 48. 16 - (x - y)^2 = 9 - y^2; 7 = x^2 - 2xy;$
 $x^2 - 24 = 7; x = \sqrt{31}; BC = 2\sqrt{31}$. **B**



24. $b^2 - 4ac = 16 - 24k > 0; k < 2/3$. **A**

25. $4x + 11 \geq 21; x \geq 5/2$. **D**

26. $\frac{ax^2 + 2ax + a}{x^2 + 2x + 1} = 6; \frac{a(x^2 + 2x + 1)}{x^2 + 2x + 1} = a = 6$. **C**

27. $f(x + a) = 3(x - a)^2 - 2(x + a) + 5; 3x^2 + x(-2 - 6a) + 3a^2 - 2a + 5 = 3x^2 + 28x + 70;$
 $-2 + 6a = 28; a = 5; \text{also } 3a^2 - 2a + 5 = 70; a = 5$. **C**

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28. $\sqrt{10 + \sqrt{10 + \sqrt{10 + \dots}}} = \sqrt{x} = x - 10$; $x^2 - 21x - 100 = \frac{21 \pm \sqrt{421 - 400}}{2} = \frac{21 + \sqrt{21}}{2}$;
 $a + b + c = 44$. **E**

29. Let x and $88 - x$ be the 2 numbers. Then $\frac{(88-x)}{x} = 5 + \frac{10}{x}$; $88 - x = 5x + 10$; $x = 13$,
 $88 - x = 75$. Product of $75 \cdot 13 = 975$. **A**

30. $h(t) = -16t^2 + 32t + 3000$. $-16(t^2 - 2t + 1) + 3016 = h(t)$; $t = 1$ sec. and $-16 + 32 = 16$ ft **B**.

Tie-Breakers:

1. $(x^3 + x) + 2(x^4 + 2x^2 + 1) = x(x^2 + 1) + 2(x^2 + 1)^2 \rightarrow (x^2 + 1)(2x^2 + x + 2)$.

2. $x^4 + 64 = (x^4 + 16x^2 + 64) - 16x^2 \rightarrow (x^2 + 4x + 8)(x^2 - 4x + 8)$.

3. $r_1 + r_2 = -4$; $2(r_1 + r_2) = -8$, $r_1 r_2 = -5$; $2r_1 r_2 = -10$; $\rightarrow x^2 - 8x - 10 = 0$.